Morton Grove Public Library

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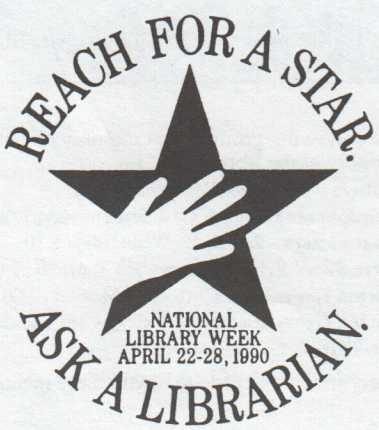
From the Librarian's desk . . . .

National Library Week is celebrated this year on April 22 - 28. This year's theme, "Reach For a Star - Ask a Librarian" focuses on the personal touch your local librarians are eager to give. This theme reminds you not to be hesitant to call upon the professional informational skills of your librarians and it also reminds librarians to rededicate their efforts and expertise to meeting your needs. We librarians try to make all 52 weeks a National Library Week and we hope you will visit regularly and give us the opportunity to prove it.

Just recently, the Morton Grove Public Library welcomed another new member to its professional staff. Eugenia Bryant is our new Head of Adult Services and will manage the public service staff, oversee the selections of adult materials for the library's collection and provide skilled reference and readers' advisory assistance. In her seventeen years of library experience, Ms. Bryant has worked at the Skokie, Wilmette and Evanston public libraries. Most recently she headed the library at Washington National Insurance Company in Evanston.

Come in and welcome Eugenia Bryant to our community and renew your contacts with all of our "stars.".

Sharron L. McCoy
Library Director



Inside Writing and Publishing

During the month of March, the Morton Grove Public Library will present the popular lecture series, *Inside Writing and Publishing*, featuring prominent Chicago and suburban writers.

On Thursday, March 8 at 7:30, the Library is pleased to present a Morton Grove writer, Joseph DeSario, who will speak on "Writing Fiction". His novels include *Limbo* and *Sanctuary*, both of which are critically acclaimed. Mr. DeSario is a graduate of Notre Dame High School and operates his own marketing consulting business, as well as working on a third novel and a screenplay.

"Romance Writing" will be discussed by Robert Rogers of Crystal Lake on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00. Mr. Rogers is better known as Lee Rogers and Jean Barrett, and among his credits are the romances, *All These Splendid Sins* and *Firebird*. Registration will be taken for his lecture at the Reader's Service Desk beginning March 5.

To conclude the series at the Library, Marian Costello, a freelance writer, will speak on "Writing Magazine Articles For Children" on Thursday, March 22 at 7:30. Refreshments will be served at all the programs and both adults and students are invited to attend.

The *Inside Writing and Publishing* lecture series is presented in cooperation with a coalition of North Suburban Libraries; brochures giving dates and locations of all programs at the seven participating libraries (including the Skokie Public Library) are available at the Circulation Desk.

Fiction writing workshop

The Morton Grove Public Library, in conjunction with cooperating North Suburban Libraries, will present a free Fiction Writing Workshop, conducted by award-winning author Rebecca Hill, on Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library.

Participants must register at the Readers' Service Desk for this special seminar. Participants should bring pen and paper and their lunch unless they want to order a Box Lunch from the Arlington Heights Library. This may be done at the time of registration for an $8.00 fee. Registration is limited and must be concluded by February 28.

Rebecca Hill is the author of *Blue Rise* and is co-author of *Killing Time in St. Cloud*. A Reception will be held for her at the Palatine Public Library on Saturday evening, March 3, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and meet this talented young author.

For more information, please contact Barbara Todd at 965-4220.

Skokie Valley Jazz Ensemble concert

The Morton Grove Public Library will introduce a new musical group to its audience when the Skokie Valley Jazz Ensemble presents a concert on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00.

The band was founded in 1983 by a diverse group of jazz lovers whose purpose was to build a jazz community in Skokie and the northern suburbs. The members contribute their time and talent and the organization is sustained through the generous support of individuals, businesses and local grants.

A varied program of jazz and popular music will be offered at this unique Spring concert, so come and enjoy!

Storytelling in sign language

The Morton Grove Public Library will present deaf actor/storyteller Michael Schwartz in a special program on Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 in the Baxter Room. The presentation will consist of stories and anecdotes, performed in sign language by Mr. Schwartz and translated vocally by an interpreter.

Mr. Schwartz is not only a deaf actor, but also an assistant district attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office. He was the first lawyer, in 1983, to present his case arguments in sign language in a U.S. court. He is the first congenitally deaf person to hold such a position in the legal profession.

Mr. Schwartz received his theatre training from Northwestern University and his legal education from New York University. He appears under the auspices of the Chicago Public Library and all hearing and non-hearing persons are invited to attend this inspiring program, free of charge.

Morton Grove Art Guild exhibit

The Library will feature a special art exhibit of the work of the Morton Grove Art Guild from March 5 through April 7 in the Baxter Room. Members' paintings in all media will be displayed and the public is invited to choose, by ballot, their favorite painting. The winning painting will be dubbed "The People's Choice Award" and will be announced at an Art Reception and awards ceremony on Saturday, April 7 at 2:00 in the Baxter Room.

Ballots will be available in the Baxter Room throughout the month and everyone is invited to come to the Art Reception.

The Morton Grove Art Guild has been in existence for 25 years and members range from professionals to amateurs to non-artists. It is their goal to encourage and promote the appreciation of art in Morton Grove. The Guild has donated art books and paintings to the Library and it presents an annual outdoor Art Fair in June, featuring fine art and designer crafts.

Gardening Program

Spring is here and with our warm winter, our flowers are already making an appearance! "Annuals For Your Garden" will be presented by Jagdish Nautiyal, horticulturist at the Garfield Park Conservatory in Chicago, on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30. Mr. Nautiyal will bring plant samples and use slides to illustrate this informative program.

The Library will be closed Easter Sunday, April 15.

Financial seminar

A financial seminar on "Safe Investments in a Volatile Economy" will be conducted by Gene Mackevich, Senior Vice-President of Shearson, Lehman, Hutton and the author of *Riches Without Risk*, on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30.

Mr. Mackevich is the national spokesman for *Consumer Guide Investment Publications* and appears on Channel 26 with investment information. A question and answer period will follow his presentation. Registration will be taken for his seminar at the Readers' Service Desk beginning April 9.

New dial-up hours

Dial-up access to the computer catalog is now available seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. until midnight. If your home computer is equipped with a modem and communications software, you can search the library's catalog just as if you were in the library. If you have any problems connecting, contact the JCPL computer room at 676-1915. (Parameter settings are 1200 bps (baud), 7 data bits, 1 stop bit, odd parity; the phone number is 675-0750.)

Antiques program

Spring is the time to clean out the attic and basement and find antique treasures! James Mowrey, owner of The Pennsylvania Dutchman Antique Shop in Chicago, will present a program on antiques on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30. The audience is invited to bring small articles for him to evaluate.

In the Baxter Room....

Medicare Update

A discussion and explanation of the latest changes in Medicare and Medicaid will be given on Tuesday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m.

Betsy Friese, a representative from the Medicare Agency Financing Administration will be the speaker and a question and answer period will follow her presentation.

Lunchtime Movies

The film series, *Great Railway Journeys of the World*, will continue on Lunchtime Movies during March and April with trips on the Zambezi Express through South Africa, a train journey into the mountains of Peru, and the longest straight train run across the vastness of Australia. These films will be shown on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Book Review

A Book Review will be presented by Barbara Todd of the Library staff on Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 and repeated on Thursday, April 26 at 2:00. The selection will be a novel, to be announced later in March.

Travelogues

The Great Lakes and Niagara Falls will be the topic of the March travelogue, presented on Tuesday, March 13. On Tuesday, April 10, we will travel to the rugged country of Canada . Both travelogues will be presented at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Gear up for comedy with the showing of the film, ***Parenthood*** on Monday, March 12. This original story, detailing the trials and tribulations of several sets of parents, stars Steve Martin and Dianne Wiest (Oscar-nominated performance).

An inside look at the professional and personal struggles of lounge musicians is presented in the film, ***The Fabulous Baker Boys***, shown on Monday, April 16. The drama stars Beau and Jeff Bridges and Michelle Pfieffer (Oscar-nominated performance).

Both films will be shown at 2:30 and 7:30 in the Baxter Room.

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The following groups meet monthly or semi-monthly at the library:

Quilters – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Agoraphobia Group – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Toastmasters – 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30
North Shore Prime Timers - 3rd Thursday, 7:00
Morton Grove Coin Club – 3rd Monday, 7:00
Morton Grove Historical Society – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Children's Department

Children's programs

The Spring sessions of children's classes will begin April 2 and registration will start March 5 for Morton Grove residents, and March 12 for non-residents.

Classes run from the week of April 2 through the week of May 21.

Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday ..... 10:30 am
Friday ..... 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2 Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 ..... Monday 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 ..... Friday 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Story Hour
Please choose one of the following times for children ages 3-Kindergarten
Monday ..... 1:00 pm
Tuesday ..... 10:00 am
Tuesday ..... 1:00 pm
Wednesday ..... 10:00 am
Thursday ..... 7:00 pm
Class limit – 30

Creative Writing
Grades 3-6 ..... Wednesday 4:00 pm
or Thursday 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Dinosaur Derby

Dinosaur Derby, a school-year-long reading program for first through sixth graders, will end on Sat. April 28. A total of 313 children are participating in the program. A gala party for the high readers and winning team will be held on Sat. May 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Battle of the Books

A book-reading contest, "The Battle of the Books," is under way at the Morton Grove Public Library. It is conducted by Ronnie Rund of the Children's Dept. and includes three teams of junior high students from East Prairie, Gemini, and Golf Schools. Assisting Mrs. Rund is Cathy Meyer, a Morton Grove resident. Team members are required to read a list of 50 books and answer specific questions about each book. The remaining meets on March 1 and March 8 will determine the championship. Anyone is welcome to observe the meets, held in the Baxter Room at 4:00.

What's New in the Adult Department

Fiction

Andrews, V. C. - *Web of Dreams*

Barker, Clive - *The Great and Secret Show*

Carkeet, David - *The Full Catastrophe*

Condon, Richard - *Emperor of America*

Holmes, Nancy - *Nobody's Fault*

James, P.D. - *Devices & Desires*

Koontz, Dean - *The Bad Place*

Lenard, Yvone - *Chantal*

Mosher, Howard - *A Stranger in the Kingdom*

Palliser, Charles - *The Quincunx*

Sassoon, Beverly - *Fantasies*

Seuss, Dr. - *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Seymour, Gerald - *The Running Target*

Spellman, Cathy - *Paint the Wind*

Thomas, Michael - *Hanover Place*

Vidal, Gore - *Hollywood - A Novel of America in the 1920's*

Non-Fiction

Baldrige, Letitia - *Letitia Baldrige's Complete Guide to the New Manners For the 90's*

Barrymore, Drew - *Little Girl Lost*

Bentsen, Cheryl - *Masai Days*

Cappo, Joe - *Future Scope - Success Strategies For the 1990's*

Goodman, Ellen - *Making Sense: Collection by the Well-Known Newspaper Columnist*

Keegan, John - *The Second World War*

Lawrence, Carol - *The Backstage Story*

Mallek, Dr. Henry - *The Woman's Advantage Diet*

Mandino, Og - *A Better Way to Live - 17 Rules to Live By*

Mark, Dr. Vernon - *Brain Power - A Neurosurgeon's Complete Program to Maintain and Enhance Brain Fitness Throughout Your Life*

Noonan, Peggy - *What I Saw at the Revolution - A Political Life in the Reagan Era*

Osborne, Robert - *60 Years of the Oscar - The Official History of the Academy Awards* (oversize)

Vila, Bob - *Bob Vila's Guide to Buying Your Dream House*

Videos

When Harry Met Sally
Uncle Buck
Lethal Weapon 2
Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade
Turner & Hooch

Compact Discs

Rimsky-Korsakov - *Antar*
Your Hit Parade 1954
Rosemary Clooney - *Show Tunes*
Paul Horn - *Inside the Great Pyramid*
Concert at the Met by Leontyne Price & Marilyn Horne
Mendelssohn - *Works for Piano & Orch.*

Did you know...

...that recently-returned books waiting to be reshelved are available to be checked out? They're temporarily stored on the Sorting Shelves located behind the last Fiction stack; these shelves are open to the public. Because they've been returned, the computer catalog lists these items as "In Library," but it generally takes several hours before they're moved from the Sorting Shelves to the regular shelves.

Calendar of Events

March

				1 Storytelling in Sign 7:30	2	3 Writer's Wrkshp. Arlington Hts. Memorial Lib. 9-5
4	5	6 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	7	8 Fiction Writing 7:30	9 Book Discussion 10:00	10
11	12 Feature Film: ***Parenthood*** 2:30 & 7:30	13 Travelog: **The Great Lakes** 11:30 & 7:30	14	15	16	17
18 Romance Writing 2:00	19	20 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	21	22 Writing Children's Articles 7:30	23	24
25	26	27 Lunchtime Movies 11:30 **Annuals for Your Garden** 7:30	28	29	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	4	5	6	7 **Morton Grove Art Guild Reception** 2:00
8	9	10 Passover Travelog: **Canada** 11:30 & 7:30	11	12	13 **Book Discussion** 10:00	14
15 Easter Library Closed	16 Feature Film: ***The Fabulous Baker Boys*** 2:30 & 7:30	17 **Medicare Update** 11:30	18 **Safe Investments** 7:30	19	20	21
22 **Book Review** 2:00	23	24 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	25 **Antiques** 7:30	26 **Book Review** 2:00	27	28
29 **Skokie Valley Jazz Band** 2:00	30	**National Library Week - April 22-28, 1990**				

April

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Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 - 9:00
Friday 9:00 - 6:00
Saturday 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 (Sept. - May)

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